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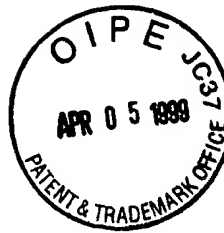
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Cech et al.

Application No.: 08/974,584

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Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed September 30, 1998, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action was originally due October 30, 1998. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to this Office Action for five months to March 30, 1999. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Petition to Extend Time
- Postcard